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TO : Chief, FBM

FROM : COMMO

SUBJECT: Burial of W/T Sets

Ref : MAV-A-2049, dated 1 November 1948

DATE: 20 December 1948

It is suggested that the following be incorporated in a dispatch in answer to the referenced dispatch:

We thank you very much for the comments on the burial of the W/T sets. It is seldom that we get such helpfully specific information. We believe that our basic policy should be to continue our development of units in waterproof cases (that is, units which require no external packaging), upon which good progress is being made. After this, it seems best to allow the Field to work out its own problems, furnishing them whatever materials they specifically request. We hold that it would be absurd to attempt to standardize any type of camouflage, since deception and standardization are mutually contradictory terms.

We must add that the suitcases in which the old-style W/T sets are shipped are not to be taken as an example of Washington stupidity. These suitcases are merely a convenient package which we expect the Field to dispose of as they see best. We sincerely hope that no one considers them as deceptive luggage since they are extremely well known throughout Europe.

FOR THE CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION:

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